

## 2011 Follow Up to Parents Representation Program Case Resolution Study

The 2009 study reviewed every case filed in each program county for a three month period, from January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004 (the pre-program period), and January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007 (the post-program period). These cases were reviewed for outcomes and case resolutions within 29 to 31 months after filing. The follow up study looked at the cases one year later or 41-43 months after filing. A reunification is defined as a dependency case dismissed by court order 6 months or more after a child has been returned home to a biological parent or legal custodian. The change in each year is statistically significant.

### More Families Reunified as Result of the OPD Program

2009

<b>Pre OPD Program Reunifications</b>	<b>% of Filings</b>	<b>Post OPD Program Reunifications</b>	<b>% of Filings</b>	<b>Rate of Increase in Reunifications</b>
133 out of 496 filings	26.8	262 out of 711 filings	36.8	39.0%

2010

<b>Pre OPD Program Reunifications</b>	<b>% of Filings</b>	<b>Post OPD Program Reunifications</b>	<b>% of Filings</b>	<b>Rate of Increase in Reunifications</b>
158 out of 496 filings	31.9	314 out of 711 filings	43.5	36.5%

## Non-OPD Program Counties

A comparison was made with counties which do not yet have the Parents Representation program. All cases filed during the same time frames (January 1- March 31, 2004 and Jan 1-March 31, 2007) in all of the counties where the OPD program has not been implemented were reviewed. In these 14 counties, the county is responsible for providing for parents representation.

The non-OPD Program Counties experienced a decrease in reunifications over the same time frame.

